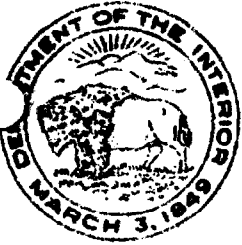


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LEAFLET ISSUED ON NATIONAL BISON RANGE

A leaflet describing the National Bison Range in northwestern Montana has just been issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Acting Secretary of the Interior Clarence A. Davis said today. It is the 12th of a series of illustrated leaflets dealing with specific refuges. Other leaflets will be issued from time to time.

National Bison Range, 19,000 acres in extent, was established in 1908 on lands purchased from the Flathead Indians. The entire area is fenced.

The American Bison Society obtained more than \$10,000 by popular subscription to buy animals to stock the range. Seven bison were donated---three from New Hampshire, two from Montana and two from Texas. The Society purchased 34 from the Conrad herd at Kalispell, Mont. The herd sometimes numbers as high as 500. Elk, deer, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope as well as numerous game and songbirds occupy the range.

For the benefit of the thousands who visit the area each year a small herd of animals including an albino bison is maintained near headquarters. Visitors are allowed on the main range only in large groups accompanied by guides.

The leaflets are for sale for five cents each by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

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